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Bastrop traffic operation leads to deportations

Sheriff says stops had "nothing to do with targeting anybody."

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BASTROP — At 7:23 p.m. Saturday, 27-year-old Jacqueline Benitez-Quintana was driving in western Bastrop County when she was pulled over by a sheriff's corporal for failing to use her blinker while changing lanes. When the officer, Brandon Stark, learned she was driving without a license, he arrested her.

Nine minutes later, Eugenio Orozco, 42, was pulled over in the same area by a sheriff's deputy for having an obscured license plate. When the deputy asked Orozco for his driver's license, Orozco instead handed over a Mexican ID card.

Driving without a license is a misdemeanor that can land a motorist in jail. But the officer then learned that Orozco did in fact have a valid driver's license. He arrested Orozco anyway for a different misdemeanor: failure to display a license upon the

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Twenty-four people were arrested Saturday night in a heavily Hispanic part of Bastrop County during a "zero tolerance" traffic enforcement operation. LYNDA M. GONZALEZ / AMERICAN-STATESMAN

MASS SHOOTING

5 dead in shooting at newspaper office

Attack in Maryland could be one of the nation's deadliest against journalists.

Shooter's motive unclear. 'There is no room for violence,' White House says.

First responders descend on the scene of a mass shooting at The Capital Gazette newsroom in Annapolis, Md., on Thursday. A single suspect was taken into custody. JOSHUA MCKERROW / CAPITAL GAZETTE / TNS

By Brian Witte
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, MD. — A gunman opened fire at a newspaper office in Maryland's capital Thursday, killing at least five people and wounding several others before being taken into custody in what appeared to be one of the deadliest attacks on journalists in U.S. history, police and witnesses said.

Police gave no details on the gunman or his motive in the rampage at The Capital Gazette. Media reports identified the suspect as Jarrod Warren Ramos, who filed an unsuccessful defamation suit against the paper in 2012 over an article about his guilty plea in a criminal harassment case.

Phil Davis, a courts and crime reporter for the paper, tweeted that the gunman shot out the glass door to the office and fired into the newsroom, sending people scrambling for cover.

"A single shooter shot multiple

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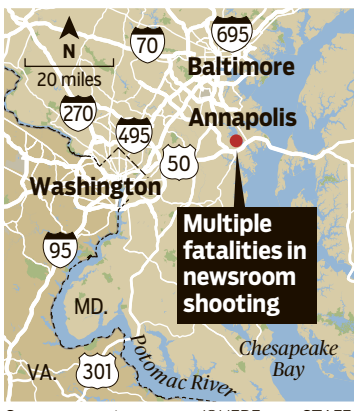

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CONTINUING COVERAGE AUSTIN TAXI RULES

Austin deregulates city cab fare rates

Ordinance could help taxis compete with Lyft, Uber starting in July.

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Cab fares in Austin will no longer be set by the city government, the Austin City Council decided Thursday.

Instead, the city's four taxi franchises will be able to set their own fares and change them in response to the market, much like the ride-hailing service companies that have cut deeply into cabs' market share in Austin and threatened their continued existence. The taxi reform ordinance approved by the council unanimously is an attempt by the council to level the playing field in a ground-transportation game where ride-hailing services have been largely unregulated while cabs have faced strict city oversight.

"The marketplace has finally changed to an environment where we're pretty comfortable saying we should not be pulling all

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Genet Gobaw of ATX Coop Taxi waits at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on June 21. Four taxi franchises will soon be able to set and change their own fares. JAY JANNER / AMERICAN-STATESMAN

TEXAS ABORTION LAWS

Texas abortion foes see opportunity

Tougher laws eyed after Kennedy; justice was a key vote on the issue.

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Justice Anthony Kennedy's decision to retire from the U.S. Supreme Court is a game changer for Texas abortion opponents, providing motivation to enact tougher regulations when the Legislature meets in January and inspiring hope that current legal fights over Texas restrictions will break their way.

Kennedy was a swing vote who tended to side with the court's liberal wing on abortion issues, providing crucial support for rulings that preserved the right to abortion as well as a 2016 decision striking down Texas regulations that would have closed most abortion clinics in the state.

Kennedy's departure – along with President Donald Trump's standing promise to nominate judges who oppose abortion – sparked almost euphoric speculation among abortion opponents about how best to attack Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that established a right to abortion.

"Justice Kennedy's retirement is a phenomenal opportunity for the pro-life movement," said John Seago, legislative director for Texas Right to Life.

"Some legislators immediately reached out and said, 'We can do

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Abortion protesters march in Austin in 2015. Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement "is a phenomenal opportunity for the pro-life movement," one leader said. STEPHEN SPILLMAN / FOR AMERICAN-STATESMAN 2015

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